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Read the Russian note this morning. It seemed turgid and obscure.

Beautiful day. Swam.

Was telephoned a couple of times from Paris. It seems [redacted] the Quai d'Orsay has prepared a communiqué, to be issued at the conclusion of the Foreign Ministers' conference commencing tomorrow at Baden-Baden, which carefully omits the word "supranational" and would give undue power to the Council of National Ministers. I am trying through Tommy to get word to Jim Conant on the subject.

E. gave an example of Swiss humor and their dislike for foreigners. At Berne they used to refer to the "CD" diplomatic license plates as indicating "crétins distingués".

Isabel and Traff came down from Rochefort this afternoon and swam with us in the pellucid water, stayed for dinner and went to the theatre with us. The play was "L'Amant de Madame Vidal", a Paris hit, with Madame Elvire Popesco in the leading rôle. This Roumanian-born star, with her curious accent, first captivated French audiences twenty-five or more years ago and they continue faithful to her. She has magnetism but has lost her figure. The play was amusing, on the ever laugh-provoking theme of cuckoldry.

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